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FIRST DAY.

Louisville, Kentucky, June 14, 1905.

Wednesday Morning.

The opening feature of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, was the regular "Jefferson Davis Memorial Service" held in the Broadway Baptist Church, at 10 A. M. The platform was occupied by General Stephen D. Lee, General C. Irvine Walker and Mrs. W. J. Behan, President of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

Hymn....."Before Jehovah's Awful Throne."
Invocation.....Rev. Chas. R. Hemphill.

"We thank Thee, Oh Lord, for the presence in our city of these men of the gray, who hazarded their lives and all they held most dear, for the cause they esteemed just. We thank Thee for their record in the annals of men, for the memory of their heroism, their martial ability and their undying fortitude.

"But even more, we thank Thee for the great company of women, mothers, wives and sisters who have borne the burden and heat of the day, who, with everything to dishearten, remained sweet and gentle through the days that tried men's souls. We bless Thee that their hearts failed not, and that they have kept green in their hearts the memory of those that have gone.

"We thank Thee for the monuments with which they are keeping

alive the memory of our dead. A blessing, O, Lord, on these women for their devotion, for their determination, that to their children and their children's children may be handed the memory of other days.

"And at last, O, Lord, when all of us shall have dropped out, may there still survive the memory of a glorious past. And now, grant Thou light for the even-tide of those old soldiers. As they pass over the great river, may it be to rest under the shade of the trees with that mighty company gone before."

After reading the XC Psalm, Dr. Hemphill delivered the following beautiful address:

"We are here to-day under the auspices of the Confederate Memorial Associations of the Confederacy. This service is of a memorial character to present to the minds of the women of the South the important work that is being carried on. Gen. Walker, who sits here on the platform with me, is going to appeal to the veterans at this reunion to erect a memorial to the women of the South, and I rejoice at this fact, for the women of the South are justly entitled to a memorial. Oh, woman of the South, thou hast played an heroic part. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. This monument should be the most beautiful in the world to testify to the worth of our Southern women. They have been the foremost in the efforts to preserve our records and to build monuments whose heads lifted to heaven keep alive the memories of our heroic dead. These associations have developed out of the aid associations started during the war to help the soldiers in supplying necessities and comforts. The most vivid recollection of my boyhood days in South Carolina is of the ministry of these women as they gathered together to prepare tokens to send to those fighting at the front or seeing them working and praying in the army hospitals, often receiving into their own homes the wounded or sick soldiers, and by their ministering restoring them to health, or in tenderness closing their eyes in death.

"These Memorial Associations have been a natural development, and now they aim to keep alive the memories and preserve the records of a stainless past. They are building monuments, taking care of the sick and infirm, influencing legislatures to erect homes where the old heroes may die, if possible, without sickness and suffering. It is their purpose to see that the graves of the Confederate dead are cared for, and that stones are erected even though their only inscription may be: 'An unknown soldier of the South.' In fact, she is doing all a woman's devotion could prompt. She has sought at the hands of the Government an appropriation to preserve the graves of Confederate soldiers outside the South, especially those who died in prison. It is the promptings of love that strives to mark the graves above their sleeping dust. Success has crowned the efforts of these noble women in the past, and

now they desire to name June 3d, as Memorial Day—choosing the birthday of Jefferson Davis, thereby paying a tribute of honor to the first and only President of the Confederacy.

"This address would fail of its purpose, did it not give loving honor to this great man. Great soldiers have their devoted followers, and their names are written high in the annals of fame—monuments are erected to perpetuate their greatness, but Jefferson Davis is without a suitable memorial to his fame and office. Is it ever to be so? Shall it continue so to coming generations? Lee and Jackson have been given due honor, but is the name of the first and only President to be unknown? Where is his monument?

"It is the duty of those over whom he presided to see to it that a name so often defamed is held only in honor. He risked all that men call dear, life, character, fortune and honor. Isn't he worthy? There never lived a statesman more pure in purpose, more stainless in life, more devoted to his country. He was willing to efface himself for the upbuilding of his native land. He announced frankly and defended boldly his understanding of the rights of the States under the Constitution. He hazarded fame and fortune and was consistent in a long and glorious career, a Christian man without spot in a long and illustrious life. He endured the soul crucifixion of years with patience, submitted himself to the will of God and went to his grave without having to compromise his honor.

"Shall the South forget him? It is said he made mistakes. True, he had not the glory of military achievement, and maybe not all his course showed wisdom, yet despite things left undone or unwisely done, who can challenge his record as a statesman, as a martyr to a cause he loved? There is no other man who embodies in his person the cause for which the States fought for four bitter years. Gen. Lee was the perfect exemplar of the Christian soldier. Jackson was the Puritan born out of due time. Other great names shine with the military glory, but none of them embodies the whole cause in its entirety as Mr. Davis. He was President. We made him pilot at the helm. The nations looked and saw a nation born in a day, and Jefferson Davis was its representative.

"The South will best honor itself and the cause for which it suffered by paying due honor to the name of Mr. Davis. It is this that this Association has deeply at heart. It cannot undertake so large a design alone, but in co-operation nothing is impossible.

"It is eminently proper to remember the dead, to think of those who have passed thence; to think of those who are rapidly nearing the division line; to chasten the pleasures of this reunion time with memories of men of whom any people might have unceasing pride.

"Whether the world shall some day say we made a right interpretation of the Constitution or not, whether the final verdict will be in

our favor or not, we have no fear that persons of unprejudiced judgment will write the names of any soldiers above the soldiers of the South. Let us remember them and thank God for them. God bless the hal-
lowed memory of those who are gone, and God bless the women who are keeping alive the memory of the soldiers of the South."

Doxology.

Benediction.

The service was well attended and a bevy of Louisville girls acted as ushers. The singing during the service was led by Captain Andrew Broadus, who was clad in a suit of gray. Mr. Henry U. Goodwin presided at the organ.

After the Memorial Service the officers, delegates and members of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, proceeded to the United Confederate Veteran Reunion Hall, where seats on the platform had been reserved for members of the Association.

After the opening addresses were concluded General Lee arose to respond. At this moment Mrs. W. J. Behan, President of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, advanced, and presenting General Lee with a handsome gavel, addressed him in the following words:

"Dearly beloved Commander:—It is my pleasure to convey to you the best wishes of the members of the Ladies' Memorial Association, of Charleston, S. C., who have entrusted me with this gavel which they wish to present to you in the name of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, of which I have the honor of being President. Our Association, though weak in numbers, is strong in purpose, and is devoted to the memory of the Confederate Soldier and the Cause for which he fought with unequalled courage, and we are present to-day, to honor the men who returned to their ruined and shattered homes to resume their places among the honorable and loyal citizens of this great country. As it was at Fort Sumter that you first entered the service of the Confederacy, it is the pleasure of these faithful women (whom our beloved President, Jefferson Davis, was pleased to style), the "Women of the Confederacy" to present you with a souvenir, from that historic spot, and we beg you to accept this gavel, made from a piece of a gun carriage at Fort Sumpter. To you and all the noble and gallant Veterans assembled here to-day, we extend a hearty greeting, and wish to one and all God speed, in your hopes and ambitions."

The gavel bore this inscription: "Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief, United Confederate Veterans, from the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, with the love and esteem of the Women of the Confederacy." Louisville, Ky., June 14th, 1905."

Gen. Lee, the venerable Commander, received the gavel and responded graciously, alluding to the touching memories that clustered about historic Fort Sumter, and of the monumental work done by the Memorial Associations during and since the War, and expressed his appreciation of this beautiful gift.

This gavel was used by General Lee at the several sessions of the United Confederate Veteran Convention.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Recording Secretary.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, June 15, 1905, 10:30 A. M.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Convention called to order by Mrs. W. J. Behan, President.

The Rev. J. R. Dearing was introduced, and offered the following prayer:

"Oh! Lord, God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! And how good Thou art to us, and how thankful we are for the happiness of this hour and for the presence of Thy people. Grant us Thy grace, and accept our gratitude for all we enjoy under the riches of Thy favor and through Thy good Providence. We thank Thee that Thou hast done so much for us, and given us a heritage so rich and a cause so precious and a memory so rich, so good. We thank Thee for the Country, for the institutions of our land, for the love in our hearts that was instilled by our mothers; for the grace that enabled us to stand by our Country in the time and cause that tried men's souls; for the heroism and defiance that sent us to battle, that sustained us in the hospital and upheld us through all those trying times, and, through Thy good Providence, has brought us to this happy hour.

"We praise Thee for a land so rich, so wide, so fertile; for its institutions so noble and so elevating.

"We thank Thee for women, so tender, so true, so attached to the men who represented them in the war; so constant in their efforts to perpetuate their memories, to preserve their histories, and to make them faithful even unto death. Bless them in their assembly this morning in all matters entrusted to their hands; guide them in their deliberations and glorify Thyself, and direct their hands in Justice, Love and Truth in all they do.

"Grant Thy especial blessing on those who preside over this meeting and conduct its affairs, and finally bring them, with all Thy people, to Thy kingdom. Amen."

After the prayer General Bennett H. Young, Commander of the Kentucky Division of the United Confederate Veterans, greeted the women of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association in Convention, saying:

"Madame President and Ladies:

"You have seen enough of Kentucky and Louisville to know that everything connected with the history, glory and conduct of the Confederate States is welcome in Kentucky, and women are always welcome wherever Kentuckians are.

"I am sure you have observed how thoroughly I have been engaged in the preparation of this Reunion. One of the chiefest pleasures of this occasion has been to arrange such details as your President would suggest for your comfort and convenience. I shall, therefore, deny myself the privilege of making a speech on this occasion, but I have brought one of Kentucky's gifted sons, one who shed lustre on Kentucky manhood by his services in the cause of the South."

I have now the privilege and honor of presenting to you Col. W. T. Ellis, Judge Advocate General on my Staff, who, I am sure will meet every expectation: Col. Ellis delivered a stirring patriotic speech.

Mrs. Behan then introduced Col. Thomas W. Bullitt, who welcomed the members of the Convention to the City of Louisville, in the name of the United Confederate Veteran Reunion Committee, in the following words:

"Madam Chairman and Members of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association:—

"I have been charged by the United Confederate Reunion Committee to welcome you to Kentucky, to Louisville, and to the reunion of Confederate Soldiers in this city; to welcome you in person, and to welcome your noble work; and it is with a swelling heart that I extend to you, women of the South, a welcome from old soldiers and from soldiers' friends.

"I can say to you with truth, that here have always lived and now live friends of the Confederate Soldier,—friends who loved him for his cause, who revered him for his heroic devotion to that cause.

"There was a time when, in this city, danger lay in the avowal of friendship for the soldier of the Confederacy; when imprisonment or exile was likely to follow such a declaration. That was the time also, when those soldiers, often mere boys, away from their own homes, prisoners, wounded, dying in Federal hospitals, needed and sighed for kind words and tender sympathy from some who believed in them and in their cause.

"It is to me a proud and grateful reflection, that in those hard and trying days, men, and especially women, were found here, who, regard-

less of all but love and duty, brought to the sick and dying Confederate Soldier, the sympathy of warm, brave hearts.

"If you will go to Cave Hill Cemetery, you will find lying in the everlasting, but peaceful sleep of death, many poor boys who died far away from home and the friends of home,—boys from every Southern State; boys, who, to their captors, were but rebel soldiers, liable to be placed in nameless graves, their fate never to be known to the mothers, wives and sisters who would vainly await their return. Look, and you will find at the head of each grave, the name, and, when it was possible to obtain them, the regiment and the home of the soldier sleeping there; and many are the wounded hearts which have been soothed by the knowledge that their loved ones had been laid away by kind and friendly hands, while their names, their services and their fate were thus preserved for their friends and for all future time.

"That beautiful tribute to the Confederate Soldier and his Cause was the work of a few brave and loving women of this city, performing duty in the very days of the war.

"They made it their duty to know every Confederate Soldier brought here to die; they provided for him a place of burial; and, when death came, they did all they were permitted to do,—they laid him in the grave and they placed at his head a simple wooden board, but on it were his name, his regiment and his State. This they did in honor of the soldier, in honor of his cause, and for the solace of those who loved him, far away.

"Then came the time:

"When wild war's deadly blast was blown,

And gentle Peace returning,

Wi' mony a sweet babe fatherless

And mony a widow mourning."

"Came also the time when many a mother, wife or child sought far and wide to know the fate of those who had been lost to them.

"Think you not, when one of those mourning ones found here, in that lovely spot, the certain resting place of her dead, it was like the balm of Gilead to the wounded spirit?

"A closing word on the subject of that work:

"Those wooden memorials, the evidences of true love, were temporary. They shortly fell into decay, and there was danger that the record so faithfully made, would be lost. And so, a few of the comrades of those gallant fellows came together, resolved to preserve what had been so nobly done.

"It was suggested that a lofty shaft should be erected in the center of the ground where they lay, recording the names thereon. A moment's reflection sufficed to settle that the work done by brave and loyal women should be preserved as they had planned it: And so, to-day, every grave stands marked with a simple headstone in marble,

with the record, in every case, which was on the wooden memorial, replaced.

"May I be permitted to say, that in no act of my life do I take greater pride or greater satisfaction than in the fact that I was one of the few who planned and executed that sacred memorial to our Confederate Dead.

"Any Confederate mother, wife or friend, seeking for a soldier who met his death in this city, may find him resting with his comrades in a spot than which there is none more lovely in this world.

"Women of the South; go each one of you to that beautiful city of the dead. Stand on the slope of the hill, where, side by side, your dear are sleeping; think of the noble women who laid them there, and of the purpose which inspired them; dwell in thought upon the courage, the fortitude and the suffering of those who fell in defense of your Cause; you will receive there an inspiration for your work which you will scarcely find elsewhere.

"The work on which you have entered of preserving the historic memories of the war was begun in its midst by the women of Louisville. Its continuance is well placed in the hands of the women of to-day; of the women, who, in all times, have, better than others, preserved and cherished the traditions of courage and devotion; of the women, who, beyond all others, demand and honor courage in men; of the women who transmit to men in the very hour of birth, their own dauntless spirit of fortitude and devotion; who in after life inspire men with high purposes and lofty ideals; women, friends, we welcome you."

At the conclusion of Col. Bullitt's address, Mrs. N. C. Gray extended a welcome in the name of the Kentucky Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. A. M. Sea greeted the Association on behalf of the Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy of Louisville.

"By the President:—I don't know how to thank the good people of Louisville, not only the City and State officers, and the members of the Reunion Committee, but the women of Louisville have certainly overwhelmed us with kindness. It touches our hearts to see how they do appreciate our work, and how they encourage us with their kindly words."

The President here requested the Rev. J. R. Dearing to address the Convention, who spoke as follows:

ADDRESS. REV. J. R. DEARING.

"Madame President and Ladies of the Memorial Associations:—

"As the young ladies sometimes say—'This is so sudden!' It finds me wholly unprepared. The eloquent gentlemen who have stood here before me had due and timely notice, but I was not informed. And yet I have two qualifications for a talk to you that no man on earth can surpass—love of the Cause that you represent and gratitude to the Women that you represent. If any boy went out from Louisville with a stronger hope or a higher pride in the Cause he was to defend than I carried, I have never seen him. If any soldier was the subject of more tender, loving, successful nursing than was bestowed upon me by Southern women, I have never seen him. I owe my life to-day to the devotion and patriotism of a Tennessee girl that sat for weary weeks by my bed-side in a hospital, and nursed me to soundness and strength again, and saved me from a dozen doctors. I was on the table twice for a capital operation, but a dear old Tennessee mother showed the doctors how to bring a soldier back to life. And a Georgia girl has made that life worth living to me for forty-one years since, so that as Kentuckians are wont to say—'I feel like a two year old' to-day! I have said to my wife and children, that if we Southern Soldiers and Women of the Confederacy can live ten or twenty years longer we will write a record for this Cause that all the Yankees on earth can never destroy.

"And now let me commend your work with all the heart that is in me; only I want to see it, ladies, real work, the most earnest work you ever did since you were born—not a pastime or recreation, but downright, intelligent, purposeful work, dedicated to the **Land We Love**, and to the Memory of the Confederate Soldier, and the vindication of our holy Cause. And remember, flowers will fade,—monuments will crumble—but printer's ink abides forever! See to it, then, that the truth is printed, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Burns says:

"Some books are lies fra end to end,

And some great lies were never penned—

but rest assured they will be! and printed, too; and taught in our Southern schools, if you allow it, or if you are caught napping.

"The teacher's work is the highest and holiest in the land, outside Christian ministry, and it is the most lasting. So let our youth be brought up in the way that they should go; in the way our fathers trod, in the knowledge of the truth—in the love of the right—in devotion to duty—in defense of their country as they see her have need of it. I do not know how to express it, unless I tell you a little bit of how we live at home. The Confederate Cause is dead, and may it rest in peace; but there is a Confederate Flag in almost every room of

my house—there are Confederate heroes on our walls—the Lees', Johnstons', Stonewall Jackson, Gordon, Morgan, Breckinridge, and others no less dear. There are pictured monuments, certificates of rank, a remnant of an old battle flag, and on that side the gray artilleryman, on this side the dashing rider in gray, over there the boy in gray—the infantryman—the pride of his mother, and the joy of his old general—yes; and above them the Cross of Honor that you gave them! The last thing that I see at night and the first thing I see in the morning is some token that reminds me of you and the dear old Southland. My name is not on the front door; *Dixie* is. There are Southern books on the library shelves, and the children know them well. And many a page has the father's comment pencilled on it. Some great theological books in my library are stained with slanders of Lee's soldiers, but these are duly marked. Pages and chapters of so called history have helped our winter's fire. And we have charmingly written histories by Southern women. I hope to see them diligently taught in the schools of the South. One is by Mrs. Susan Pendleton Lee, of Lexington, Va. Now why shouldn't Southern children learn Southern history from Southern authors? Why should they not know and love the sons of the South who represented them in the brave old days on the bloody field, in the crowded forum, on the lofty bench, in the halls of legislation, and in the chair of State—yea, and in the prison cell and on the scaffold for Country's and for conscience sake? Is it a sin, my countrywomen, to love those who died for us? If it be—Let me die the death of a sinner? Those venerable men were not rebels or traitors, but sages and soldiers, princes and patriots, heroes and martyrs.

"I have been engaged for a long time, with a noble man, Col. Robert Bingham, of Asheville, N. C., in digging up a fact or two, worth mention here. It is this—Mr. Davis, Gen. Lee, Fitzhugh Lee, Gen. Dabney Maury, and other Southern leaders whilst cadets at West Point, were taught by authority of our Federal Government out of a text-book on the Federal Constitution, the Right of Secession, for which they were afterwards made war upon, by the same Government that had indoctrinated them. I obtained this book after long search, and have found in it this doctrine as clearly asserted as Wm. Yancey or President Davis would care to see it. And this, not once, but a dozen times. It is an interesting fact also that this book was written not by a fire-eater of South Carolina or a slave driver of Mississippi, but a Philadelphia lawyer of eminence, named William Rawle, who resided in the very city, at the very time, our Constitution was debated and adopted—that this book was so sound and so saleable as to go through several editions, and so important to the liberties of the Young Republic that its military leaders had it taught to those who in later life were to be entrusted with her armies and destinies. This is also in evidence. These cadets, some of them now, testify to it. The authorities at West

Point now admit that 'it is very probable,' seeing that they have found at last the very book in the Academy's Grandson, Greatgrandson and the Granddaughter of the author, Mr. Charles Francis Adams, himself, of Boston, admits it. The work of Rawle was first printed in Philadelphia, in 1825, the very year that Cadet R. E. Lee was entered at West Point, a lad of eighteen. It is not strange that he should have said to Bishop Wilmer, of Louisiana, that 'if it had not been for the instruction that he got from Rawle at West Point he would not have left the old army and joined the South, at the breaking out of the late war between the States.' Women of the Confederacy do you know that this great book was in the hands of counsel for President Davis when the United States Government which had indicted him for treason, didn't dare to bring him to trial? It was, and doubtless had to do with the prudence of the prosecution. How would it have looked in our school books of to-day—the record of the hanging of a Ruler for treason to his Government when his Government had taught him the lawfulness of his conduct?

"Women of the South it is your duty to see that such facts go into our books, and the books into our schools, where the instructive tongue may commit them to the faithful breast to be remembered forever! And don't forget the flowers, and songs, and crosses, and speeches, and processions, and birthdays of Davis and Lee, and prizes for best papers, and flags, and monuments to heroes, and pictures of patriots, and museums for relics, and all the rest, but History, History, look to your History! God bless you, dear women, may your tribe increase and our work never end. It is work to be sure! But blessed indeed! It will take long, but it is worth the time, toil, money, love and trouble. Many a man has bled and died to be worthy of you! Will not his name and fame be safe in your keeping? I know that you will not be recreant to the trust. You don't know how much I love and honor you. God bless you, everyone!"

BUSINESS SESSION.

At the conclusion of the addresses of welcome, the President opened the business session of the day, by calling upon the Corresponding Secretary to read the Convention Call.

After the reading of the Call the President requested the Secretary to announce the names of members on the Committees on Credentials and Resolutions, which were as follows:

Committee on Credentials.

MRS. H. H. MARKS, Louisiana, *Chairman*.
 MRS. S. L. McCALLA, Tennessee.
 MRS. SHELTON CHIEVES, Virginia.

Committee on Resolutions.

MRS. E. P. DISMUKES, Georgia, *Chairman*.
 MRS. W. A. COLLIER, Tennessee.
 MRS. H. H. MARKS, Louisiana.

After the announcement of the Committees the President called for the report of the Corresponding Secretary.

"To the President, Officers and Members of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, Ladies:—

"Each year proves that the tender work of our Association is growing more dear to all those who love the Cause, and each year your Corresponding Secretary feels it more and more a privilege to serve an Association whose work it is to keep alive and perpetuate these sacred memories.

"From all places and all sections come the reports of great zeal, and soon we hope that in every hamlet or city will stand some monument to our beloved dead.

"Life has mingled in its joy the tears of pain, and during the past year our Association has had to mourn the death of General Wade, General Fitzhugh Lee and Mildred Lee. One by one, those who made history famous are passing away, but they have answered the last roll-call and the Captain of all Captains has welcomed them home, and while we mourn their absence, through the tears of pain shines the sunlight of their reward making the rainbow of heavenly joy.

"During the past year your Secretary has welcomed three new Associations into the Confederation, she has sent two hundred and thirty business letters, four letters of condolence and one telegram.

"This number does not include the notices and circulars sent to the different Associations.

"Letters have been sent urging the different Memorial Associations to subscribe to a copy of the History of the Memorial Associations of the South.

"It is the duty of every Association to have copies of this work for the History is a sacred one and should be bequeathed to our children as a precious legacy.

"We trust that by the next Convention that it will be in every Southern home.

"The expenses of the Corresponding Secretary were \$5.50.

"The best part of our work is the keeping alive of the memories and instilling in the hearts of the young the love for the sacred Cause for which their fathers died. May we emulate the example of the woman of old and strive each day to lay fresh laurels on the graves of our dead.

"The work has been made pleasant by the kindness and courtesy shown me by the officers and members of the C. S. M. A., and to them I offer my sincere appreciation and gratitude."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. A. WILLIAMS.
Corresponding Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Recording Secretary was then called for.

Report of the Recording Secretary.

"Since the last annual convention held in Nashville, Tenn., three Memorial Associations have been enrolled, namely: The Ladies' Memorial Association of Marion, Alabama, organized in 1871; The Junior Memorial Association of Portsmouth, Va., organized in 1895; The Ladies' Memorial Association of Mobile, Alabama, organized in 1865. During the year eighteen applications were issued for the Association pin. In June the minutes of the Nashville Convention were published and four copies sent to each Memorial Association, with a copy of the resolution offered at the last Convention, 'That the minutes of this Convention (1904) be printed and that four copies be mailed to each Association for the sum of twenty-five cents.'"

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Recording Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The President then said, "if the Secretary has any announcements to make we will hear them now.

"I am requested to announce that an invitation is extended to the officers and members of this Convention to attend a Reception given under the auspices of 'The Confederate Home,' Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the 'Confederate Home,' Pewee Valley, this afternoon from two till six o'clock. I have been informed that the cars leave every half hour."

The President called for the report of the Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer.

Receipts.

1904.	June 10, Balance (C. S. M. A.).....	\$175 48
	By Annual Dues.....	125 00
	By Recording Secretary.....	50
		<hr/> \$300 98

Disbursements.

1904.	To Gordon Monument.....	\$10 00
	To Treasurer, Postage.....	2 12
	To Printing.....	38 85
	To Recording Secty. for Badge Numismatic So..	3 50
1905.	To Treasurer, Stamps, Stationery, Express and Books	4 87
	To Recording Secretary (postage).....	3 00
	Gavel for General Lee.....	7 60
		<hr/> \$ 69 94

Balance June 10th, 1905.....\$231 04

MRS. C. G. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Arlington Fund.

Receipts.

Balance July, 1903.....	\$47 00
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Disbursements.

Funeral Design (Miss Patrick).....	\$ 2 50
Framing Resolutions (Miss Lee).....	2 50
Funeral Design (Miss Lee).....	3 00
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Balance May, 1905.....\$ 39 00

Total to several accounts.....\$270 04

MRS. C. G. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Report of collections, for Davis Monument, credited to the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, as per report of Mrs. E. D. Taylor, Treasurer Davis Monument Fund.

November, 1903, Previously reported.....	\$7,208 63
November—Mrs. W. J. Behan.....	5 00
January 30th, 1905, Camp Sea Island, S. C.....	5 00
February 22d, C. M. & L. Society, Richmond, Va., for sale of Souvenirs left from the Bazaar, through Mrs. Patterson..	25 00
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After the reading of the Treasurer's report the President requested Miss Mary A. Hall, the Historian, to present her report.

Report of Historian.

"It gives me great pleasure to submit for your approval the following report:

"The Confederated Southern Memorial Association was formed in this city of Louisville, Ky., four years ago, when the Confederate Reunion was held here. Then but thirteen organizations were present. Since that date of our organization much work has been done, and much erate soldiers who fell in battle for our beloved South. Nothing that tended to keep alive the memories of our heroes has been forgotten, nor neglected by our Association. The remains of the Confederate soldiers who fell in battle, have been gathered together and now rest side by side in beautiful cemeteries prepared for them. Over their graves we have had erected tombstones and monuments to mark the spots in which our heroes sleep.

"Virginia, the battle ground of the war of 1861-65, suffered more than any other State in the South. From the fields of Virginia, consecrated by the blood of our peerless soldiers, we have gathered the dead of the different States, whose troops fought under the peerless Lee, and placed them so far as we could, in the cemeteries of the States of the South; or we have laid them in hallowed lots in Virginia cemeteries, each State marked to itself. The graves of these grand soldiers are carefully attended and cared for by the members of our organiza-

tion. Our old and needy veterans have not been forgotten nor left to want. We have taken care of, and educated the children of our dead veterans, and we have not allowed the widows of our soldiers to suffer.

"We have restored the Memorial Church to its original form. Windows from each State of the Confederacy add beauty to the structure.

"About this church in its holy ground, are buried many Confederate soldiers from all the Southern States, and their graves are marked with stones. Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, with all the States of the South, have been zealous, and are ardently caring for our dead soldiers as well as the living who need care. And this work has not been done for our Confederate Soldiers as a work of Charity, 'No; not Charity,'—but as a duty we owed to the men of the South, who fought for us, and died for us,—the heroes of 1861-65.

"The Memorial Association, I am proud to say, is in a flourishing condition. New and strong Associations are joining the present body every day all over the South. Greater interest is manifesting itself in our work. The younger women are taking up the work of their elders, for they are proud of their fathers and kinsmen, who wore the gray uniform of the Confederacy, and followed the flag whither it led. A flag that never trailed in the dust, nor met defeat in battle, when our soldiers met equal numbers upon the field of contest.

"Our Associations are all working in harmony. From a small band of devoted women, our Association has grown to such magnitude, that we can present to the world in material proof, an Association working in harmony, that forgets not its honored and beloved dead.

"Our past is a pledge we offer for our future. We have sixty-two separate bodies, all working under the present organization (The Southern Confederate Memorial Association), and all in accord. We are teaching the younger generation lessons of love, fidelity, and devotion, to the past. To the Cause that can never die; never to be forgotten.

"As we pass away, our places will be filled by the girls of to-day, as their places will be filled by the girls of all future generations, who must and will feel a pride, 'And well they may,' that they are the children of such ancestors as the Confederate Soldiers of 1861-65.

"As long as time lasts,—as long as one Southern woman is left,—the memory of the Confederate Soldiers will not be forgotten. Nor will his grave go unkept, uncared for.

"In the grand old State of Georgia, one child but twelve years of age, Sallie Hanson, has collected and arranged in alphabetical order, the names of eight hundred Confederate Soldiers, and their regiments, who died upon the battle field.

"On the Western Atlantic R. R. we have erected a monument to an unknown Confederate Soldier who fell in line of duty.

"This inscription is upon the shaft—

"An unknown Hero, who died

For the Cause he knew to be right.

And each year the track hands of the road place about the monument of this Hero, beautiful flowers. They hold this as a sacred duty. They never fail to see that the sod is kept green above this grave.

"At Johnson's Island, Colonel **Knauss**, a Federal soldier, has taken upon himself the care of our dead soldiers who died in that prison, when prisoners of war. Each year as the flowers come in bloom this generous man covers each grave with flowers, 'A tribute to our brave men who died for principle sake.'

"Memorial work is going on all over the country, where ever there is a Confederate soldier buried.

"As our Association grows stronger in numbers, our work will increase, and with God's blessing upon our work, we will continue to perform our work unto the end, for the brave men who died for us.

"When we shall be called over the River, we will leave to the generations who will come after us, a legacy of honor and trust; a heritage of which they can be proud, a duty they can perform without shame or regret."

MARY A. HALL,
Historian.

Report accepted.

The Annual Report of the President, Mrs. W. J. Behan.

"To the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, Officers and Members of the Convention:

"My Dear Co-workers—It is my great pleasure to be with you and to greet so many faithful women whose names have become dear to me by reason of their zeal and enthusiasm in all Confederate work. It was in this typical Southern city, in the year 1900, that we organized with thirteen Memorial Associations signing as charter members, and to-day there are sixty-four enrolled in the Confederation. During the past year two Associations were enlisted, the Junior Memorial Association of Portsmouth, Va., and the Ladies' Memorial Association of Mobile, Ala. The object of our Confederation is better known and understood; and other Memorial Associations appreciating the idea that a record of their work should be perpetuated for future generations and learning, that in joining the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, their local work will not be interfered with, will affiliate with us, thus making one grand body of Memorial women. It is a source of gratification to report an increased interest among the Associations,

many seem to have taken on new life and by increasing the membership are educating our children in the truths of history. Memorial Day exercises, which are under the auspices of Memorial Associations, are more solemn and impressive each year as the ranks of the Veteran men and women grow thinner, and the few survivors become more intense in their devotion to the memory of those who gave up their lives on the altar of duty. We should deem it a privilege to assist our sister Associations in their patriotic work, no matter how small the contribution it will be an evidence of good-will and will be appreciated. Above all others I would like to call your attention to the circulars that have been sent out by the Jefferson Davis Monument Committee, requesting each Association to purchase one set of the celebrated 'Shepherd Pictures.' No Southern home should be without these pictures which show the soldiers of the Confederate Army as they left for the seat of War. These pictures are sold for the benefit of the Davis Monument Fund, and should appeal to every Southern woman.

'The Ladies' Memorial Association, of Petersburg, Va., are endeavoring to rehabilitate Old Blandford Church, and appeal to the States represented in the Confederacy to place a Memorial window in this old and historic edifice. No more appropriate manner of commemorating the deeds of our heroic dead could be suggested, and I trust that every Southern State will so honor her dead. The Jefferson Davis Monument Association, of New Orleans, is endeavoring to raise funds to erect a monument to the memory of our beloved Chieftain in New Orleans, where he died and where his remains were laid to rest before being removed to Richmond. If each Association would send a contribution (no matter how small) to the President of this Association it would be highly appreciated. In conclusion let me remind you that there are still many copies of the History of the Memorial Associations of the South to be disposed of, and as you know this volume is our tribute to the memory of Jefferson Davis, and is sold for the Davis Monument Fund. This volume has received the endorsements of our Confederate authorities, and is a most valuable record of womans' work during and since the war. Each association owes it to its members to see that they are provided with a copy of this interesting history, and I hope that before leaving for your homes you will place your orders with the Secretary in order that we may report to the Treasurer of the Davis Monument Fund at the next Convention. Let each Association order ten or twenty copies.

"During the year we were called on to mourn the death of Miss Mildred Custis Lee, the youngest daughter of our immortal Lee. She died in New Orleans, and from reports sent me I was pleased to learn that all along the route wherever the train bearing her beloved remains stopped for any length of time, the members of Memorial Associations were assembled to pay tribute to her memory. In a few short weeks

another of the Lee family was called to join the great Host beyond, in the person of the gallant General Fitzhugh Lee. Many distinguished leaders of the Confederacy have answered the last 'Roll-call,' among these may be mentioned Geo. W. Vest, Matthew W. Ransom, John H. Reagan, Wm. B. Bate, John J. Hornor, Cullen A. Battle, Thomas J. Churchill. Let us unite in asking the Heavenly Father to show them mercy and to strengthen and fortify those who are left to mourn.

"The President of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association, of New Orleans, has suffered a great bereavement in the death of her devoted husband. I will ask you to unite with me in sending her an expression of your sympathy in this her recent sorrow. As our ranks are growing thinner each year, it appears to me that we should provide some means of inscribing the names of these faithful women in a memorial book, and that a short sketch of deceased members should be furnished to the Historian or any other officer, and that these names should be read at each Convention while the members stand in silence with bowed heads. One of our sister Associations, the Confederate Memorial and Literary Society, of Richmond, Va., has undertaken a labor of love which at the same time is one of the most valuable acquisitions to truthful history. I allude to the 'Roll of Honor.' This Society invites the co-operation of all Confederate organizations in their efforts to compile these 'Rolls of Honor,' and we should take a great interest in this work. It calls for no outlay of money, but appeals to our zeal and desire to honor every man who wore the Gray. This work is recommended to you as one worthy of your co-operation, and you are urged to write to Mrs. James N. Dunlop, Chairman 'Memorial Committee,' No. 307 W. Grace Street, Richmond, Va., for further particulars. I would also recommend to your attention the patriotic work of the Confederate women who have undertaken to care for the graves of the Confederate Dead at Camp Chase. For many years this beautiful custom was under the sole direction of an ex-union soldier, Col. Wm. H. Knauss, of Columbus, Ohio, all praise be given to his generous and magnanimous heart. Let each Memorial Association contribute flowers annually to decorate the graves of those who lie so far away from home.

"Inclosing this my report I wish to express my thanks to one and all for words of cheer and encouragement, and for numerous courtesies from the Vice-Presidents of Tennessee and Alabama, as well as for newspapers containing accounts of Memorial Day exercises at Montgomery, Knoxville and Vicksburg. A hearty welcome is extended to the Portsmouth Junior Memorial Association and the Ladies' Memorial Association of Mobile, Alabama. Let us continue to work with the same enthusiasm as has characterized our former efforts, and let us do all in our power to add to the comfort of the living, while we pay tribute to those who sacrificed Life for Duty.

"It is our desire to have all Memorial Associations unite with us, and Vice-Presidents are urged to send invitations to all Associations still in existence, and to notify the Presidents of other States in order that the faithful women of the Confederacy may have the privilege of joining this body."

The President's report was accepted with enthusiasm and applause.

Reports from Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia Vice-Presidents were read and accepted.

Report of Vice-President of Alabama.

"Beloved and Honored President, and Comrades of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association:—

"With gratitude we bring glad tidings to-day of the success and wide spreading influence of our Confederate Cause. Our Heavenly Father has surely kept watch over us and preserved us in health and strength to meet again to renew the ties of friendship and fulfill our vows of loyalty to this sacred cause.

"First, let us not forget the debt we owe Mrs. Lizzie Pollard and Mrs. Julia Garside-Welch, who, with superior wisdom and forethought united us in this grand Confederation, whose teachings are stronger and more deeply rooted in the hearts of the people as the years go by. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual, so they are taught that there is no 'Lost Cause'—nothing good and true was ever lost—and our children are instructed that we were defeated in warfare for want of means alone and not for lack of personal valor,—the self-sacrifice, the courage and lofty patriotism exhibited by the Southern soldiers can never be lost. Each generation will be taught the legends of the folded flag, the deathless valor of Southern chivalry. In striking proof, witness the great concourse of people who assembled at every station as the funeral cortege, which bore the remains of Miss Mildred Lee, passed from New Orleans to Lexington, Va. Men, women and children bore magnificent floral tributes, and, with tear filled eyes and sad hearts, the veterans tenderly placed these tokens of love on her bier, for she was the child of their great Captain, Robert E. Lee.

"These sad tributes gave proof that there was no 'Lost Cause.' The principles that influenced the people of our Southland in the sixties are to-day strong in our hearts as in those stirring times. Glad are our tidings of the growing enthusiasm, deepening love and reverence for our Confederate Cause. The enrollment of two old and honored Associations give us great pleasure. Historic Mobile, whose women, by reason of their grace and beauty, have been famous alike in song and story, but whose crowning virtue was their loyalty to the Confed-

erate Cause. So Mobile sends us a distinguished representative in Mrs. Electra Semmes Colston, the daughter of one who lives in the hearts of all Southerners, whose name Alabama delights to honor, Admiral Raphael Semmes.

'Remembrance long shall keep alive his fame,

And future infants learn to lisp his name.'

"And Classic Marion, whose intellectual culture is ever in evidence, gives us a thrill of pride in welcoming her representative, for in the education of hundreds of young men of our State her Memorial womens' influence has been active in uplifting, and far reaching in teaching the faiths and legends of the Southern Cause, and that they must reach out for nobler things as they were destined to take the place of those who fell on the field of honor, and although our flag was 'furled through an iron crown, its staff rested on a Laurel Wreath.' I can give you cheering news of our Soldiers' Home. It's a grand success; situated forty miles above Montgomery, in a high and healthful country, where the old veterans dwell in peace with every want supplied by loving hands. Last spring the Mountain Creek Village, where the Soldiers' Home was built, organized a new Memorial Association, and celebrated the 26th of April with interesting ceremonies. They elected Mrs. Falkner President, whose noble souled husband gave the land and virtually built the Home by his influence in securing funds, and by giving liberally from his own means. By another year I hope that we will have the pleasure of enrolling this Association as a member of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association.

"All honor is due Miss Alice Beaumont of Union Springs, Alabama, for raising funds to place headstones over the graves of eleven soldiers who have been buried there.

"I have sold and remitted the money for nineteen Histories of the 'Confederated Memorial Associations of the South.' I could have sold more, but seventy-five copies were bought and given to many of our citizens.

"The 3d of June, the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, was solemnly observed by our local Camps of Veterans, Lomax and Falkner.

"We note with satisfaction the words of admiration and appreciation that came from those who once opposed us. One writer from the far North pays the following beautiful tribute to the Southern mothers:

"History has not witnessed a nobler struggle than the Southern woman has lived through since the war, and, in the splendid task of Reconstruction, the Southern woman has not only done her full share, but something more.' The raising of the sons who fill our hearts with pride when we look upon that superb and splendid organization, the 'Sons of Veterans,'—whose mothers instilled into their very life blood when children the story and principles of the Confederate Cause.

"Only recently a request came to our State Historian for a copy of the life of William L. Yancey—the great States' Rights Champion—to be placed in the library at West Point. The writer said, 'there is an excellent spirit shown by the West Point authorities in regard to Confederate History.' He tells of the superior wealth and other advantages that the North had over the South, and then adds, 'If ever a people ought to be proud of martial deeds done by a previous generation, the Southern people ought to be proud of what was done by the men of the South, and, even prouder, of what was suffered by the women of the South, during those years of war from 1861 to 1865. What was accomplished deserves the admiration of the world.'

"April 26th, Memorial Day, dawned on the sweet Southland, bright and beautiful. From every city, town and hamlet, in this fair State, the land of the magnolia and the pine, came tidings of the enthusiastic observance of our sacred day. To quote from our poet, Mrs. Oekenden, 'Wherever mother earth has covered deep the sacred scabbard of a knightly soul,' sweet flowers are laid with love and gratitude, and we still love to tell the old, old story, that grows dearer with each repeating.

"On Memorial Day, the Confederate flag waved over a noble domain. From the Atlantic, whose waves wash the historic shores of grand old Virginia and fair Maryland, far away across the Southern Savannahs and prairie land, into the interminable West, over the Sierras till laved by the mighty waves of the Pacific, so let these Confederate principles, as taught by our mothers, blaze higher and higher until every son of the South will seek counsel from its shrines. 'Let us widen the sphere of its radiance and add fuel to its flames.' 'Then let that mighty flame burn on through change and change, through good and ill, like its own God's eternal will, deep, constant, unquenchable.'

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. LEE,
Vice-President.

After Mrs. Lee had finished reading her report, she was presented with flowers by admiring friends, and before leaving the platform she very graciously presented a part of the flowers to the President.

Report of Vice-President of Tennessee.

"While there are not many of the old Memorial Associations left in Tennessee, the interest in the Cause seems to be growing, instead of diminishing. Memphis has an organization organized in 1889, as an auxiliary to the Confederate Historical Association, which now reports eighty members. Mrs. Bedford, the Vice-President, will probably represent the Association in Louisville.

"Knoxville has an Association, organized May 13th, 1868. It has eighty-four members and is constantly growing. Several years ago Mrs. McCalla, and her daughter, Margaret, both of whom are delegates to the Convention in Louisville, joined the Association. Mrs. McCalla's mother, Mrs. Boyd, was one of the original members thirty-seven years ago; so there are the three generations belonging to the same Association. This I think is a beautiful idea, and I wonder how many can report the same thing. It is well to have the young members of the families come in to keep up the interest in coming years. The Legislature of Tennessee has made the Third of June, President Davis' Birthday, a legal holiday, and Memorial Day for the State. Let us keep alive all the dear old Memorial Associations, which were organized soon after the bitter struggle for the independence in the early sixties; and let us keep green the graves of our gallant soldiers and lovingly strew them with fragrant flowers as we think with gratitude of their sacrifice for their country and for us. Regretting exceedingly that I cannot be with you in your deliberations I can truly say my heart is with you."

Respectfully submitted,

MISSIE AULT,
Vice-President.

Report of Vice-President of Virginia.

"It is with regret that I come to you to-day with a very unsatisfactory report of work accomplished as State Vice-President. I have written letters to members of Memorial Associations, and have endeavored to arouse their dying enthusiasm, but it is a difficult task, to prevail upon those women who were identified with the sad days of anxiety and sorrow, to hold their Associations together. We mourn for our Dead, but we are proud of their acts of heroism, even at this date, forty years, after the surrender. This fact is attested by the observance of Memorial Day. We would be glad to have the 3d June for the State Memorial Day, but for local reasons this cannot be done at present.

"It gives me pleasure to report the enrollment into the Confederation of the 'Junior Memorial Association,' of Portsmouth, Va. These children will take up our work when we answer the final summons to appear before the 'Great White Throne.'"

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SHELTON CHIEVES,
Vice-President.

Reports read from the following Associations:

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Montgomery, Alabama.

"On August 1st, 1905, a letter was received from the President of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, announcing the publication of a new edition of the 'History of the Confederate Memorial Associations of the South.' The matter was placed before the Executive Committee, and the Secretary instructed to write to Mrs. Behan that the subscription list would be opened upon the receipt of a favorable report from the Executive Committee. In October the Committee reported favorably, and on motion of Mrs. George R. Doron, it was resolved, 'That the new edition being acceptable to the Committee every member was requested to purchase a copy from Mrs. J. C. Lee, who placed a copy before the Association.' October 24th, at a meeting called for the purpose, a Poem and Resolutions on the death of our Commanding General were offered by the Secretary, who was instructed to forward copies to the family. A contribution of ten (\$10.00) dollars was sent to the Gordon Monument Fund. The following important resolution was offered by Mrs. J. C. Lee, and unanimously adopted, that, 'Whereas Memorial Associations being the oldest patriotic organizations growing upon the ruins of the Southern Confederacy, these Associations deserve, the precedence, in all pageants, invitations, and orders issued by Commanding Officers at Reunions of the United Confederate Veterans and other kindred demonstrations.' A copy of this resolution was forwarded to General George P. Harrison, Commanding the Alabama Division United Confederate Veterans. His reply was very complimentary and satisfactory to the members of this Association. We met again in special session to enter a vigorous protest against the erection of a 'sky-scraper,' office building in 'Court Square.' This action is of more than local interest as it saved from desecration a spot held sacred to historic memories of the Old South.

"We have the deaths of two valued associates to record, that of Mrs. Wm. Irving and Miss Mary Crommelin, good and true women. The usual May Festival was held for the benefit of the Chickamauga Monument Fund. The exercises of Memorial Day were unusually interesting, the program consisting of prayer, songs, a recitation by the granddaughter of a veteran, and a thrilling address by Judge Carmichael, a one-armed Confederate Veteran. The music was furnished by one of the finest bands in the State. On the day preceding Memorial Day, numbers of patriotic ladies met at the residence of the Vice-President where they have been in the habit of assembling for more than thirty years to receive flowers and make them into wreaths to be transferred to Oakland cemetery. The gate of the cemetery bears the motto, 'They taught us how when duty calls to die.' The Confederate

monument, where over eight hundred Confederates are buried, was beautifully wreathed and decorated with flowers. The graves of Confederates in private lots were also covered with flowers and Confederate colors. Volleys were fired over the graves of Hon. Wm. L. Yancey, the orator of Secession; over Lomax, the brave, and other Confederate Heroes, and over the spot where lies a quiet heroine, Mrs. Sophie Bibb, the first President of the 'Ladies' Memorial Association.' Next in interest to Memorial Day was the passing of the remains of Mildred C. Lee. Amid tokens of respect from State and City officials, and all patriotic orders who hastened to pay tribute, to this heroine of a heroic family, came the Ladies' Memorial Association, and Mrs. J. C. Lee representing the Confederated Southern Memorial Association.

"Quoting from our Treasurer's report we have at present \$767.29 in bank to the credit of the Chickamauga Monument Fund, which is the work in which we are engaged, and we hope soon to erect a shaft to the heroic sons of our State who helped to make Chickamauga a synonym for heroic sacrifice. In conclusion—there is scarcely a woman within the sound of my voice, who is not a Daughter of the Confederacy, as well as a member of a Memorial Association. The work is kindred, yet distinct. The Memorial Associations were founded on the ruins of the Confederacy, and the work was begun by the fair and faithful women who were comrades of the Confederate Soldier. When the work of aid societies was laid down these 'Rachels' of the Land, arose, 'Saying, let us bury and remember our Dead.' Thus, began Memorial Associations. The Daughters of the Confederacy arose in 1894. Let not one supercede the other. Let the work be handed down from generation to generation. He who remembers not, deserves not. Memorial Associations are not useless murmurings against the decrees of God, not the clinging of broken-hearted women to the Past, but founded upon Love and Gratitude they preserve material for History, and cultivate the noblest emotions of the human heart. As we yearly assemble on the day of memory set apart placing our fresh love-tokens on each gallant heart, that was hushed, let us remember and tell little children and grandchildren of the days when Chivalry lived again. The South is haunted. Every wandering breeze tells old War stories to the whispering trees. Of Lady-loves and Knights on land and sea, they haunt the sweet Southland, for me and thee."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. M. P. OCKENDEN,
Secretary.

The White House Association of Montgomery, Alabama.

"This Association is composed of women whose long line of loyal ancestors knew no higher ambition nor sense of sacred duty than faithful service to their State. We number among our members, men and women, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the North to the South. Many valuable relics of the 'Storm tossed Republic that fell' have been entrusted to the care of the Association. Among the most precious is a set of furniture used by Mr. Davis, and by request of Mrs. Davis, to be placed in the room occupied by him while living in the 'White House,' in Montgomery. There are many other relics belonging to, or used by Mr. Davis, and in the room of sacred memories is to be found many precious relics belonging to Winnie Davis, 'The Daughter of the Confederacy.'

"In the past year the organization has received much encouragement in the way of generous contributions, from our patriotic citizens, for the preservation of the 'White House.' The City of Montgomery has recently donated a lot as a suitable location for this House. Pilgrims will wander here in the days to come, to tread the halls made sacred by being so closely connected with the career of Jefferson Davis, 'whose name is one name with all mightiness, and his fame is one light with sunlight.' We have augmented our funds by the sale of silver souvenir spoons, as well as gavels, flag-staffs, and other beautiful articles made from the wood of Crape-myrtle trees which grew in the grounds around the 'White House.' In conclusion we extend a cordial invitation to one and all here assembled to visit the 'Jefferson Davis' room in the Capitol at Montgomery, where you will meet with a hearty welcome from the 'White House Association.'"

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN W. A. SANFORD,
Secretary.

Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Gainesville, Alabama.

"The members of this Association send greetings to the C. S. M. A. with best wishes for its success in this, its sixth annual meeting. They regret that they cannot send a delegate to this Reunion.

"In regard to their Association, they ask this question, as did Job, 'If a man die, shall he live again?' We say, if this Association in our town dies with this generation, will it live again in the next? From what we have recently learned of Spottsylvania Cemetery we are inclined to believe it will live stronger and more devoted in the next than in this generation. The Spottsylvania work was abandoned sometime, but, at this date, the younger generation of girls have taken it up. In that cemetery rests one of our brave Lieutenants, and our Association is gratified to know it will again 'blossom as the rose.' We be-

lieve that our Gainesville women will strive to emulate the example and devotion of grand old Spottsylvania, and that our beloved dead lying in our cemetery will receive necessary attention for all time. Yet, unless our writers and speakers desist from giving the opprobrious title of 'Rebellion' and 'Civil War' to our 'War for the Constitution,' can we lay the charge of want of patriotism on the shoulders of the next generation? Our Society endeavors to keep the truth of history before the young people of our town, and always tries to impress upon them each Memorial Day the great facts that our fallen heroes 'fought for what they **knew** was right, not for what they **thought** was right.' The example of Sam Davis and his brave and truthful character is ever portrayed in endearing terms, that our boys may seek to copy his example. The real work of the Society this year has been little. The herculean task of raising an old siege gun left by Gen. Forest on the west bank of the Tombigbee River has been accomplished. It was conveyed to our Confederate Cemetery, and now lies at the base of our Confederate Monument. In part, through this relic, the only one we possess, we hope to impress this truth upon our rising generation, that their dead fathers and brothers and loved ones died in the defense of right principles. We made a contribution, with the help of others, to the Gordon Monument Fund, and hope soon to know that the duty we owe to erect it, has been performed, and that the memory of this great soldier of our beloved Southland will be perpetuated in marble and bronze as well as live in the hearts of our people.

"We are in sympathy with the movement for a Memorial to our Women of the Confederacy. We still live in expectation that our old faithful slaves, in the near future, will receive merited recognition in some enduring form. We must believe the descendants of our brave heroes will not forget to express their gratitude to these trusted allies, who, in their sphere of action, did their part, as did those who gave their lives for our Southern rights.

"Memorial Day was observed on June 3d in honor of Jefferson Davis, as decided by our Confederated Southern Memorial Association. We hope all Memorial Associations will unite on this day each year in memory of one, who, more than any other, bore reproach and suffered for the Cause he espoused when the end came."

MRS. D. H. WILLIAMS,
President.

The Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

"Our Memorial Day—June 3d—under the auspices of The Southern Memorial Association was very appropriately observed this year—more so than usual.

"Our Confederate Cemetery is situated on the side of the moun-

tain East of town, in distance about a mile, and the procession on this Memorial Day is said to have been a mile long. The people, not only of the town, but from all parts of the country, attend services on Memorial Day. Four days previous to Memorial Day the ladies of The Southern Memorial Association were engaged in making wreaths for each soldier's grave, 625 in all. On Memorial Day these wreaths are placed on each headstone by the Confederate Veterans **themselves**. The flowers are strewn on the graves by every one present.

"The idea of making wreaths for each headstone was taken from the Confederate Memorial Association, of Memphis, Tenn. It is one of the most beautiful decorations that can be made, and one that does so much good in the Association.

"The work of making the wreaths brings more members of the Association together than any other work we undertake. We all seem to feel that this is **real memorial work**.

"We urge the Confederated Southern Memorial Association to send a memorial to The United Confederate Veterans—now in session—to make the 3d of June a 'Southern National Holiday.' Surely the veterans can have this passed through the legislature of their respective States.

"Our Association during the past year has added ten new members, making total membership sixty-five.

"We have received in money this year by dues and by other means \$277.85. We have erected in the cemetery grounds a pavilion costing \$175.00—we have also made a contribution to the Gen. Gordon Monument Fund, and we intend to do more for this fund.

"I am extremely sorry not to be able to be with you all at this particular time, remembering that it was at Louisville that we organized 'The Confederated Memorial Association' and since that time the organization has done a glorious work in bringing together all these old organizations that otherwise would have passed into oblivion. God be with you in your present work."

MRS. JULIA GARSIDE-WELCH,
Vice-President.

Report of the Ladies' Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

"The Atlanta Memorial Association sends greeting to the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, in Convention now assembled.

"On the plot of ground belonging to this Association and near the Confederate Monument is the resting place of the remains of General John B. Gordon. The Association deems it a sacred duty to care for this grave, and during the year the section has been beautifully sodded and planted in flowers. The Association has contributed to the Gordon Monument Fund. The greatest day in the year is Memorial Day, which is observed by the entire city. Banks, schools and business houses are

closed, and great crowds go to 'Oakland' Cemetery to attend the solemn services and to decorate the graves of the heroes. Our last Memorial Day was commemorated with unusual display. A very long procession composed of Confederate Veterans, the Military, the Ladies' Memorial Association, and the Daughters of the Confederacy in carriages showed the reverence in which the day is held and made a very imposing lesson for the younger generation. The members of the Boys' High School joined in the parade, and as a body placed wreaths on the graves of the Confederate Dead. The orator of the day was General Clement A. Evans, Lieutenant-General Commanding the Army of Tennessee Department.

"The affairs of the Association have been admirably managed by Mrs. W. D. Ellis, the President. The finances are in a splendid condition, and the enthusiasm manifested is as great as ever. During the year the Association has lost three members, two on account of death and one on account of removal from the city."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY EVANS,
Secretary.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Augusta, Georgia.

"The Ladies Memorial Association of Augusta, Georgia, extend to the 'Confederated Southern Memorial Association,' in Convention assembled, cordial greeting.

"Since the report of June, 1904, was presented, seven names have been added to the roll, making a membership of fifty-nine. All local financial obligations have been met, and dues to the Confederated Southern Memorial Association paid. It was the pleasure of the Association to contribute to the Gordon Monument Fund, and also to aid in the purchase of headstones to mark the graves of Confederate Soldiers buried at Mountain Creek, Alabama. The Association recently adopted a resolution that its members pay annual dues, which will enable the Association to enlarge its scope of work. Twenty-five copies of the History of the Confederated Memorial Associations' of the South have been received, and a number of them sold.

"No organization in Augusta is held in higher regard than the 'Ladies' Memorial Association;' their every request meets with a ready response; the veterans are eager to render any service, and co-operate in every way at all times. It is the policy of this Association to choose as orator, on Memorial Day, the son of a veteran, introduced by a veteran, and the 'Marshal of the Day,' and his staff are chosen from the camps of veterans, every organization in the city, civic and military, taking part in the parade to the cemetery where the ceremonies are held.

"A few days before Memorial Day loads of evergreens are sent to

the cemetery chapel, where a number of loyal women, aided by the public school children, gather, and make wreaths, that each of the marble headstones of the three hundred and sixty graves shall have its wreath of flowers. Hands work willingly, while hearts recall the deeds of daring and patriotism of those who 'wore the gray.'

"From a platform erected under an avenue of magnolias, where a large audience had assembled, Judge Roney eloquently introduced the young orator, Mr. Archibald Blackshear, 'A Worthy Son of a Worthy Sire,' his father having entered the Confederate service at the tender age of fifteen years. Never has the story of the days of '61-65 been more pleasantly told, and the speaker seemed to feel deeply the honor conferred upon him by the ladies, when they invited him to speak for them. At the close of the address, a quartette of male voices rendered touchingly that old war song, 'Tenting to-night on the old camp ground,' and many eyes were misty as the refrain of the last verse floated out on the twilight air, 'Dying to-night, dying to-night, dying on the old camp ground.'

"Reverently the Benediction was pronounced, after which, amid the silence, there rang out the clear notes of a bugle as 'Taps' were sounded.

"Once again the 'Ladies' Memorial Association' had shown love and loyalty to her soldier boys, and each one was thinking, as she went to her home;

'Safely in our Father's keeping,
Leave we here our dear ones sleeping.' "

Respectfully submitted,

ROSA UNDERWOOD CLARK,
Secretary.

Resaca Memorial Association, Resaca, Georgia.

"The little cemetery at Resaca, is situated two miles above the railway station of Resaca. The President and most of those who take an interest in it live at Calhoun, the County seat, which is eight miles distant. Memorial Day exercises are held here on the anniversary of the battle of Resaca, May 14-15. The Veterans of Atlanta take great interest in this event, and large numbers attend every year. This year Captain Harrison delivered an eloquent address, he was introduced by Captain Robt. E. Park, the State Treasurer, who acted as master of ceremonies. The exercises were held in a pretty little summer house from which the Confederate flag waved. The program consisted of prayer and singing, and after the address, the crowd dispersed to scatter flowers on the graves. After this, Prof. Deny, recited his beautiful poem on the 'Battle of Chickamauga,' and Mr. LeVert, who participated in the battle of Resaca, made a thrilling address. It is a beautiful idea to observe a general Memorial Day, and one that should be

adopted by every State. In this State the birthday of Jefferson Davis is celebrated with becoming ceremonies, eloquent addresses are made by the Governor and other civil officials as well as Veterans."

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MARY J. GREEN,
Secretary.

Mrs. Flewellen, of Georgia: Madam President I rise for information.

President: State your question.

Mrs. Flewellen: Is it the rule of this Convention to receive reports from the State or from Associations?

President: Reports are requested from State Vice-Presidents and Presidents of each Association in the Confederation. The reading of Association Reports was continued.

Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

"This Association was organized in 1866, since that time this body has augmented its membership to 290. Our meetings are held quarterly with an attendance which gives us every encouragement. We contribute annually to the Soldiers Home of our State.

"Our special work of the past year was the repairing of the Monument erected to our 'Unknown Dead,' in the Greenwood Cemetery, in City of New Orleans. This Monument was erected in 1874 by our exertion, and stands as a beacon-light to future generations. Outside of this disbursement we have expended \$136.75 for sundry demands, and I can also report that we have a sinking fund of \$250.00.

"This Association was among the first to testify its love and devotion to the memory of Miss Mildred C. Lee, who died in our city some few months ago, when a floral tribute was laid on her bier and her remains escorted to the train by sorrowing members of this Association. Resolutions of Sympathy were beautifully designed and framed, a copy of which was sent to her brother, General G. W. Custis Lee, from whom our worthy President, Mrs. W. J. Behan, received a most gracious letter of acknowledgment. The President of this Association is a member of the Joint Committee of Veterans by whom the usual Memorial Day programme is arranged, and Committees are appointed from the local United Confederate Veteran Camps and the Ladies' Memorial Association, to serve at the various Confederate Monuments. Memorial Day exercises are held in our city on the 3d day of June, in accordance with a resolution framed at the United Confederate Veterans Convention held at Dallas, Texas, 1903.

"Our Memorial Day exercises were very interesting from the fact that Hon. Joseph A. Breaux, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, delivered a masterly oration suitable to the day. The Junior

Confederate Memorial Association and the school children sang patriotic songs, and some of the sweetest girls from the R. E. Lee school recited poetic lines, entitled, 'The Sword of Robt. E. Lee,' and a becoming feature was a presentation of a floral design of this sword. Prayer and Benediction by the Rev. Gordon Bakewell, Confederate Chaplain of the Louisiana Division United Confederate Veterans, brought the exercises to a close.

"Invitations are extended to the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, and to the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association, to be present at the exercises on Memorial Day.

"This Association joined the United Confederate Veteran Camps in extending an invitation to the United Confederate Veteran organizations to hold its next annual Reunion in New Orleans, La., 1906."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS.) HARRY H. MARKS,
Chairman.

Report of Junior Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, La.

"This Association has during the past year held four regular and four called meetings. A rather successful attempt to interest the members has been made by giving several entertainments in which all of the active members have played some part. The first was a 'Martha Washington' Tea Party, at which all those serving were dressed in colonial costume, and the other was a Japanese Bazaar, where all in charge were dressed to impersonate the little Japs of whom we are so proud. It is the intention of our Association to give during the summer months a trolley ride. We have raised three hundred and fifty dollars. The proceeds of these entertainments are to go towards the placing of a Confederate Seal Window in Memorial Hall, which has been the place of meeting of our Association ever since its organization. It is our earnest endeavor to have seven hundred and fifty dollars, the sum necessary for the purchase of the window, by next year, so that the unveiling of the window may be a feature of the New Orleans Reunion. The Juniors are anxious to have this window as a token of the love and esteem in which we hold our dear old Southland.

"The members in this Association number about two hundred and fifty. The annual dues are twenty-five cents. We hope to make our Association one of the foremost organizations of the South."

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Report of Southern Memorial Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"Services were held in all our cemeteries on June 3, Memorial Day, by the Confederate Veterans, Camp 17. The members of our Association placed floral offerings upon the graves of our dead heroes, also upon the graves of deceased members. Special presentations of floral tributes were made at the Confederate Monument, and at the National Jewish and Catholic cemeteries. We decorated the Confederate Monument on the Boulevard, and Governor Allen's Tomb in the State House grounds.

"Our Association is in good order. Since our last report we have placed headstones on thirteen graves of Confederate Dead."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. OGDEN,
Secretary.

Confederate Cemetery Memorial Association, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

"From an Association as small as that of the Confederate Cemetery Memorial Association, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, there can be expected only a meagre report. There are twenty-three names on our roll. We have placed a few orders for the History of the Confederated Southern Memorial Associations of the South, but the most we expect to do is to keep alive the honored name of this old Association by preserving the memories of the past. Our chief work is caring for the Mound, on which is erected the Louisiana Monument, in memory of those from that State who fell in defense of the City, and one of our dreams has been to lay out a small park around this monument. A lack of funds has deterred us from starting the work, but we hope to realize our hopes in the near future. Since the unveiling of our Confederate Monument, thirteen years ago, until the present time the City of Vicksburg appropriated annually a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of Memorial Day."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. C. CARROLL,
Secretary.

Natchez Memorial Association, Natchez, Mississippi.

"Our organization dates back to the 'Sixties,' so you can imagine that our ranks have been thinned in the course of the many years, and that the roll-call is echoed in the 'Great Beyond' by a number of our former associates. However, one of our most venerated members, Mrs. Agnes Izod, who was a 'hero in the strife,' now in her ninetieth year, is still with us. We keep the graves of our heroic Dead in order, and this has been our valued privilege since the inception of our Association. Memorial Day, has been and will always be appropriately celebrated. We have two lots for our dead, one has recently been enclosed by a marble coping. Since the completion of that work our good 'City

Fathers' have donated an additional piece of ground adjoining, which we purpose enclosing within the coping. Through our exertions a handsome monument in memory of 'Our Dead' has been erected in a prominent park, which is known as 'Memorial Park,' and it is here that the exercises of Memorial Day are held. Memories that are hallowed have not the fascination to claim recruits that merely working for the present has. Our membership, therefore, is composed principally of those whose heart beats, were attuned to the time when we were in the throes of alternating hopes and disappointments, joys and griefs, exaltation and despair, these are the women who tenderly regard the sacred memories of the Confederacy."

Respectfully submitted,

NORMA GRILLO,
Secretary.

Confederate Memorial Society of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri.

"During the past fiscal year our Society has been active along various lines of Memorial Work. From the proceeds of a euchre given in the Spring of 1904, the Society was enabled to mark with a suitable stone the grave of Robert Cheever, a Confederate Soldier, sleeping his last sleep in a Maine cemetery. Our honorary President, Mrs. Leroy B. Valliant, visited the spot during the summer and reports the work well done.

"The sum of forty (\$40.00) dollars was pledged and paid to the Missouri Historical Society, in order that the Confederate Records of Missouri could pass into the historical archives of the State for future preservation.

"The World's Fair entailed upon the Society the hospitable duty and pleasure of entertaining at a reception the Delegates to the National Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for which purpose a sum of six hundred and twenty-five (\$625.00) dollars was devoted.

"A donation of fifty (\$50.00) dollars has been made to the Richmond Museum, and Delegates were sent to Petersburg, Virginia, when the Missouri Window in Old Blandford Church (a monument to the Society) was unveiled.

"At a meeting in February, our new President, Mrs. E. W. Coeke, advised the Society to take up the work of obtaining funds to erect a Confederate Monument in St. Louis, in accordance with a motion previously passed by the Society. The co-operation of all Confederate organizations in the city, was asked, and a motion passed, that the monument be erected at a cost of not less than fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars. So we have ahead a work that will require much time and effort, but we hope will be a worthy monument to the Confederate Cause' in a city where Southerners struggle so bravely for it, and where foreigners are so much in need of a search-light on it's history.

"In February and in April the Society realized one hundred and twenty (\$120.00) dollars as the proceeds of an entertainment. Since January we have enrolled ten new members, all of whom are active and interested in Memorial Work.

"It has been during the year, the sad and loving duty of our Flower and Emergency Committee, to send floral testimonials of respect and sorrow, on the occasions of the passing away of eminent Southerners. On the occasion of the funeral of General Fitzhugh Lee, we sent as a tribute to the memory of this Great Confederate Leader a floral design of the Confederate Battle Flag, beautifully represented in white and red carnations and immortelles, a fitting emblem wrought in the freshness and beauty of flowers to typify the earlier life of him whose youthful strength, valor and daring, had fought so nobly for the flag that then floated proudly above him.

"At the suggestion of our President the Memorial Society of Missouri will ask for one of the unclaimed Confederate flags in Washington, to preserve as a precious historical relic.

"On June 3d our President, Mrs. Coeke, and a Committee from the Society accepted an invitation from the Sam Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Alton, Ill., to attend the Memorial Day services held in memory of the two thousand Confederate Soldiers who died in prison at Alton, and are buried in a neighboring field; the services were most impressive, and the ladies were most cordially entertained by the ladies of the Sam Davis Chapter.

"A summary of the fiscal year shows from the Treasurer's report an expenditure of about eleven hundred (\$1,100.00) dollars, and a balance on hand of about three hundred (\$300.00) dollars."

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. SHIELDS,
Recording Secretary.

Samuel Harris Memorial Association, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

"We have an enrollment of thirty-eight (38) members. During the year we have contributed to the 'Pickett and Buchanan Bazaar,' Norfolk, Va., to the Father Ryan Memorial Window at Tampa, Florida, and to the Monument to be erected at Jackson, Missouri."

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA RIDER HAYDEN,
Secretary.

Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

"We have a large and active Association. Our President is Mrs. C. B. Bryan, the daughter of Admiral Raphael Semmes of the Confederate States Navy, and she is a most zealous worker. There are over

one thousand Confederate Soldiers buried in Elmwood Cemetery, where our Memorial Day exercises are held. This year we erected a beautiful stand for the convenience of the orator and other distinguished guests invited to be present at the solemn and impressive exercises of the Day. Our speakers are always chosen from the ranks of the Veterans or from the Sons of Veterans. The ceremonies of Memorial Day are under the auspices of the Memorial Association, as is also the care of all Confederate graves for miles around, this sacred privilege was given to the ladies of the Memorial Association by the Veterans. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Memorial Association a Junior Association has been formed under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Virginia Frazer Boyle, a lady of noble lineage and distinguished for her literary attainments, and who has the honor of being the Poet Laureate of this Confederation. On June 3d which day has been made a legal holiday and Memorial Day for the State of Tennessee these Juniors made over one thousand wreaths of evergreen and placed them on the tombstones at each Confederate grave. These wreaths with a small Confederate flag forms the decoration for each and every grave.

"For many years we have sent at Christmas boxes of clothing and sweet meats to the old soldiers in the Soldiers' Home at Nashville, Tenn. I regret that our report was not received as it would have contained a more perfect account of our work in which we are deeply interested."

Ladies Memorial Association of Portsmouth, Virginia.

"Since the report read at Nashville, Tenn., in 1904, we have enrolled four members.

"During the winter our Veterans have 'War-Talks' at their Camp room, and nothing pleases them better than to have the ladies of our Association attend and encourage them by their presence.

"Our 'Memorial Day' exercises were as quiet and impressive as usual. The orator of the Day was Col. Maryus Jones, from Newport News, a brave Confederate soldier, who gave a brief account of some of the most important battles during the War, and spoke in the most glowing terms of the late General Fitzhugh Lee. The military were out in full force, and the Veterans looked very well, though their ranks are growing thinner each year. We decorated with Battle Flags the graves of the sixty Confederate dead who lie buried in the United States Naval Hospital Cemetery. The flags, with the pure white marble headstones and the green wreaths, made a picture both beautiful and imposing, one worthy of the brave men who lost their lives in such a sacred Cause.

"The Confederate Monument on our lot in the cemetery, and also the larger and handsomer one on one of the principle streets in our city were decorated with wreaths, flowers and flags, appropriate to the occasion."

MARY E. MOORE,

Warren Memorial Association, Front Royal, Virginia.

"Our Association, according to the few active members, has made a very creditable record during the last year. We have expended several hundred dollars on the driveways leading to and through the Soldiers' Circle; erected a permanent speakers' stand for Memorial Day exercises, and shared in the expense of mounting two cannon,—a present to the Association from the United States Government,—which guard the monument erected in honor of Mosby's men who were executed while Prisoners of War.

"The Warren Memorial Association is Auxiliary to the William Richardson Camp of Confederate Veterans of our town, and as such is always ready to assist them in every way.

"From year to year our Memorial Day has increased in interest, the last one of June 3d being the most notable. Many novel features were introduced in this procession, at the head of which marched our honored guests, the Veterans of the William Richardson Camp. These were followed by the local band, the Warren Light Infantry, and a large number of children.

"It is our custom to entertain our Veterans at dinner on Memorial Day, and the social feature of these reunions is a mutual pleasure to us.

"We trust this record is an evidence of what we hope to do in future years towards preserving the name and fame of the heroes of our Southland.

(Signed) MRS. W. C. WEAVER,
Secretary.

Report of the Manassas Memorial Association of Manassas, Virginia.

"Another year has gone swiftly by and we again send you greeting and a short account of our work since last report. Our ambitions have far exceeded our achievements, but still we have toiled on. We have put an iron fence around the cemetery at a cost of four hundred, and ninety dollars, and we are making strenuous efforts to raise sufficient funds to complete our monument, and would say a little aid would be greatly appreciated. Several hundred bodies are interred in the cemetery, not more than five are Virginians, hence, we feel it a duty to the loved and lost to render some aid in so noble a Cause. There have been very few additions to our little band, not more than twenty active members of the Association, but all are zealous in their work, rendering what aid and comfort they can to needy Veterans. Memorial Day has been sacredly observed by us for years on June 3d. Not a soldier's grave in the cemetery but has its wreath of flowers. I will not encroach on your time by writing details of minor work but will say 'The Manassas Memorial Association' will ever be found foremost in devotion to the Cause, which is as dear and sacred to-day as in 1861, when

with breaking hearts and without a murmur they laid on the altar of their country the sacrifice of their nearest and dearest.

"Trusting that your meeting may be pleasant and redound to the honor of our Cause,"

I am respectfully,

S. E. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

"The Manassas Memorial Association, Manassas, Va.:—Report was read by Mrs. M. R. Barbour, Delegate. After reading the report she added, 'I will say that last summer we had the pleasure of having General Fitzhugh Lee with us as the orator on Memorial Day, and I suppose it was the last address he made of that character. I would like to say Madam President that last summer we got out some souvenirs during the Army manoeuvres at Manassas. We have some left which we would like to sell at twenty-five cents each. I have some with me if the ladies would like to buy them. These souvenirs are sold for the Monument Fund.'"

Ladies Memorial Association, Petersburg, Virginia.

"The work of this Association as for several years past has been the restoration of Old Blanford Church, the batten shutters have been replaced by ground glass windows, and pews have been put in. The Church has been used on several funeral occasions. As some of you know, and your President has told you, we have three beautiful Memorial Windows put in by the State of Missouri, the Washington Artillery, of New Orleans, La., and the State of Virginia. I would like to say here that our Association appreciates this interest that your President has taken in this work that is so dear to our hearts. We had hoped to have windows from other States to unveil this year but have been disappointed, still hope to have the States take this matter up at an early date.

"The Association expects this year to replace the wooden crosses, which mark each section, with stones on which the name of the State will be carved: On Friday, June 9th, we will observe our usual Memorial Day, the decorations consist of flags and evergreens. This is a work of love in which we are glad to do honor to those who defended our homes and loved ones for so long, and with loving hands and grateful hearts we place on these graves whatever we have to offer, trying by example to instill into the hearts of our children the love that we have for this service, so that when we are laid to rest under the shade of the trees with our dead heroes, then our children may feel it a sacred privilege to continue this work.

"We have added several new members this past year to the Association.

"This report was written before our Memorial Day, and I would like to say that on that Day we had more flowers than usual, and a great many who had never taken any interest came forward and asked to have sections allotted to them. I would like to tell you about Texas particularly. A lady who had once lived in Texas and present with us made a large star and hung it on an upright piece where it could be seen from any point in the cemetery. It was made of daisies, and in the center was a Confederate Flag, adding to the very pretty decoration."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SHELTON CHIEVES,
Secretary.

Confederate Memorial Literary Society, Richmond, Virginia.

"Owing to the indisposition of the Corresponding Secretary the report of the year's work will necessarily have to be brief, and confined to the bare recital of a few facts. These, however, are of themselves, of such interest and importance that they will tell the story without added comment. Gifts and presentations have continued to come regularly, and are always gratefully received and preserved with sacred care, among them a handsome Confederate Flag, to float over this, our Repository of Confederate relics presented by the President, Mrs. Joseph Bryan, and notably a Bust of Stonewall Jackson, once the property of Jefferson Davis, which sat on the mantel of his home. It was captured by General Weitzel, at the evacuation of Richmond, and given to General Charles Devens, of Massachusetts, who returned it to Rev. James F. Smith, for the Museum, after hearing his recent address in Boston, on 'Lee at Gettysburg,' and it is an interesting co-incidence that it was handed over to the Confederate Memorial Literary Society and restored to its place in the Museum, on the 4th of April, 1905, just forty years from the date of its removal. An interesting event and important in its bearings, was the unveiling, with appropriate ceremonies and speeches, of the portraits of three members of the Confederate Cabinet, presented by their Sons and the United Daughters of the Confederacy—Secretary of the Treasury, Memminger, of South Carolina; Secretary of the Navy, Mallory, of Florida, and Judge Reagan, of Texas, Postmaster General. At the same time a beautiful window, in the Maryland Room, representing the Confederate Monument in Baltimore, and presented by the Maryland Daughters of the Confederacy, was unveiled. New book cases have been put in, and are already nearly filled, and the museum is being recognized by books and publications from publishers and the United States Government. The agent of the Carnegie libraries, Mr. Leland, of Washington, spent two weeks examining this collection, and pronounced it invaluable. More than four hundred and ninety (490) photographs of Confederate Generals have

been arranged and handsomely bound. The latest and most improved method of cataloguing has been adopted in the Museum, and a new catalogue, more than double the size of the last, is nearly ready for publication. In the Maryland Room there has been received, as a loan, from the United Daughters of the Confederacy a bronze bust of General Lee, said to be his best likeness. In the Tennessee Room the portrait of General Bates has been received, presented by his wife. The most important work of the Georgia Room during the year has been the continuation of the Naval Records, which is attaining a creditable and satisfactory completion. Kentucky is much encouraged also by contributions and interest shown in the State. Virginia reports many interesting gifts and loans to her Room, among them the saddle and spurs, and field glasses of General Robert E. Lee, loaned by his nephew, the late General Fitzhugh Lee, and the most priceless of all historic treasures yet received,—the Parole of General Lee and his Staff issued at Appomattox, at the surrender. The same Room has received a number of portraits, among them, that of Governor Wm. Smith, known as 'Extra Billy,' and of Col. Robt. R. Garland, Captain Wm. K. Bissell, and the sword and sash of Captain Thomas Lawson Barrand, presented by his sister, and by R. A. Baker. The Confederate Flags belonging to Virginia Regiments, returned by act of Congress, have been placed in the Museum for safe keeping, and the 15th Massachusetts Flag which has been for some years in the Virginia Room has been returned to the Governor of Massachusetts, who wrote in response, a personal letter, most highly appreciative of the action. This Room, as you all know, has suffered a serious loss in the death of her distinguished Regent, Miss Mildred Lee, who was always deeply interested in the Museum, and presented to it many of her father's relics. It has been impossible to gather together the data and details of every Room, but each one is in a more prosperous condition than ever before, and going on yearly to better and larger things. So that with thankful hearts for past favors and with renewed hope, for future progress, the Confederate Memorial Literary Society sends greetings and God speed."

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE CARY DANIEL,
Corresponding Secretary.

After reading this report Mrs. C. P. A. Brock said, "Mrs. Randolph asked me to read this:"

"To the President and Members of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association:—

"The Chairman of Central Committee deems it most appropriate that a report of Jefferson Davis Monument Association should come to you at this meeting, for it was at Louisville five years ago I appeared before the Confederated Southern Memorial Association asking the co-

operation of your body banded together then for the first time. With the zeal of the Memorial Associations, who, since the trying days of '61-65, have never wavered, you came to the aid of your 'Children, the Daughters of the Confederacy.' How I would like to be with you in person to-day to say that our work has been rewarded. In bank to-day is \$70,000 drawing interest. The model as submitted by Mr. Edward Valentine has been accepted, and the contract signed, the Monument to be unveiled June 3d, 1907, at which time we hope the Reunion will be held in Richmond, and we will welcome the Confederated Southern Memorial Association to our city. With the sincere thanks of the Central Committee of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association for your co-operation in the erection of the Monument to the one and only President of the Confederate States and the Cause he represented, and with greetings to each member present," I am gratefully and truly yours,

JANET W. RANDOLPH,
(Mrs. N. V. Randolph).
*Chairman Central Committee,
Jefferson Davis Monument Association.*

Mrs. Randolph also asked me to read this circular-letter, and to say that copies would be left on the table for distribution.

By the President:

"This is a very interesting report, and we are pleased to know that the necessary amount is in hand to erect the Davis Monument. I take pleasure in calling your attention to the circular-letter sent out by the Fitzhugh Monument Association, and recommend that you send your contributions, no matter how small, to the ladies who have undertaken this noble work."

By the President:

"This closes the reports. It must be very gratifying to us to hear these interesting reports, which prove that the Women of the Memorial Associations are loyal and devoted to the hallowed memories of the Past."

By the President:

"We will now hear the reports of Special Committees. The Financial Secretary of the 'History Committee,' will read her report."

Report of Financial Secretary

Balance June 1st, 1904.....	\$ 10 30
Receipts since.....	300 75

Total Receipts.....\$310 75

June 1st, 1905.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Financial Secretary, C. S. M. A. History.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

After reading the report she adds:

"Madame President: Right here I would like to say a word. We, the Memorial Women of the Southland, cared for the Confederate Soldiers when they were sick, and in many instances helped to bury them. It seems to me, that as we did that work then, and followed it up by the erection of monuments, that right here now, when we have this gem in our possession that to-morrow we take up half an hour of the time and discuss this history,—the ways and means of disposing of the fifteen hundred copies that we now have on hand. All these Associations are deeply interested, and I would like to make a motion, if it is in order, that we take up half an hour of the time to-morrow and discuss this valuable and interesting volume."

By the President:

"It has been moved and seconded that a half hour on to-morrow be set apart for discussing the Ways and Means of disposing of the copies of the History of the Memorial Associations of the South, now on hand. What is your pleasure?"

After some discussion the motion was adopted.

"By Mrs. M. R. Barbour, of Manassas, Virginia: I move that a book, to be known as a Memorial Book, be kept by the Recording Secretary in which will be inscribed the names of deceased members of Memorial Associations enrolled in this Confederation, and that a short sketch of the life and Confederate work of deceased be furnished also by the President or Secretary of the Association of which deceased was a member. Motion seconded by Mrs. J. C. Lee, and adopted."

"By Mrs. H. H. Marks: I move that each Association in this Confederation do assist the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, of Richmond, Va., in its endeavor to obtain an accurate and complete roster of all Confederate Soldiers and Sailors, by procuring blanks, furnished by that Society, and known as 'Roll of Honor,' said blanks to be filled out and returned to said Society to be kept in the archives of the Confederate Museum at Richmond, Va."

Motion seconded by Mrs. Flewellen and adopted.

The President here announced that the Corresponding Secretary would furnish the name and address of the Chairman of the 'Memorial Committee' from whom the blanks may be obtained, and the Associations will report progress at the next Convention.

"The President announced that the Reunion Committee of Louisville assigned two carriages for the Confederated Southern Memorial Association for the parade, said carriages to occupy a position immediately after the Headquarters carriage. Mrs. Behan named the following ladies to occupy these carriages:

First carriage:

Mrs. W. J. Behan, President.
Mrs. George A. Williams, Corresponding Secretary.
Miss D. M. L. Hodgson, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Charles G. Wright, Treasurer.

Second carriage:

Mrs. J. C. Lee, Vice-President, Alabama.
Mrs. Shelton Chieves, Vice-President, Virginia.
Mrs. Harry H. Marks, Louisiana.
Mrs. E. P. Dismukes, Georgia.

The Convention then adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 A. M.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.

THIRD DAY.

Girls High School—Friday, June 16th, 1905.

"Meeting called to order at nine o'clock. Quorum present. The President requested that all unite in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

"By the President: Has the Secretary received any belated reports if so, we will hear them before proceeding to other business.

"By the Secretary: The report of the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association has been received and I have been asked to read it. The Secretary then read the report.

Junior Hollywood Memorial Association.

"Thirteen years ago the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association was organized. The most important work of the Association is the care of the officers' section in Hollywood Cemetery, which lies some distance from Gettysburg Hill in a rather remote situation. The section is very beautiful now with its fresh green turf, under which sleeps our heroes."

"On Memorial Day its beauty is enhanced by garlands of flowers and over each grave waves a battle flag. The parade on that day never passes this section which is distant from the line of march, nevertheless lovingly and faithfully does this small band work, thinking only of the sacred trust the mother organization has given them.

"Last year our task of preparing wreaths for the decoration of Lee Monument was made very difficult by the scarcity of evergreens, and we fear that on this occasion we will be obliged to substitute flags and bunting, as a new law prohibits the cutting of evergreens near Soldiers' Home, whence we have gotten our supply, with the excep-

tion of certain donations made by Mr. E. J. Willis and Mrs. Patterson, which we hereby gratefully acknowledge.

"The entire program for the annual mass-meeting of the Hollywood Memorial Association is always arranged by the Junior Association. On the present occasion, in compliment to the Sons of Veterans, we have invited one of their number to deliver the address.

"The annual Tea given on Gen. Jackson's birthday was quite a success both socially and financially. May the celebration of these anniversaries serve to keep fresh in the minds of our country's youth the memory of our glorious dead, and 'let heart and tongue cease not to tell of those who lived, and those who fell.'"

MRS. W. M. WADE,
Recording Secretary.

"By the President: The Chair desires to call your attention to one item in that report. The Juniors complain of the scarcity of flowers in the month of May, and report that flags and bunting are substituted for the flowers. In so doing these children show the proper spirit; they do not stay at home and abandon the idea of honoring the memory of the Confederate Dead, for the reason that flowers are scarce. No; they show their patriotism and devotion by assembling on that day.

"My dear friends and fellow-workers let us reflect for a moment on the real meaning of Memorial Day, and not **Decoration Day**, as it is sometimes erroneously called. It is a day specially dedicated to the memory of the Confederate Dead, and these sacred spots where our heroes are buried become the 'Southern Mecca to whose shrines her sorrowing women, like Pilgrims, may annually bring their floral offerings.' Let us not be deterred, therefore, by the scarcity of flowers, let us wend our steps to these Confederate graves, a single flower will speak the sentiment of our grateful hearts, a small Confederate Flag and a wreath of evergreen will bear testimony to our eternal remembrance.

"The President called for the report of the Committee on Credentials."

Report of Committee on Credentials.

"The Committee appointed by the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, in Convention assembled, report that the Associations herein named, are entitled to the following delegates:

Alabama,

Mrs. J. C. Lee, Alternate White House of the Confederacy Memorial Association, Montgomery, Alabama.

Mrs. S. P. Frazier, Delegate Ladies Memorial Association, Union Springs, Alabama.

Mrs. J. C. Lee, Delegate Ladies Memorial Association, Montgomery, Alabama.

Arkansas,

Mrs. E. L. Nettleship, Delegate Southern Memorial Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Mrs. Annie S. Peak, Delegate Southern Memorial Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Georgia,

Mrs. E. P. Dismukes, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Columbus, Georgia.

Mrs. Sarah Porter-Flewlellen, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Columbus, Georgia.

Miss Lucy Evans, Delegate, Ladies' Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Jno. W. Clark, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Augusta, Georgia.

Mrs. William M. Smythe, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Augusta, Georgia.

Louisiana,

Mrs. H. H. Marks, Delegate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Chas. Santana, Delegate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. T. D. Terrebbonne, Alternate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. G. E. Mann, Alternate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Miss Lillian S. Norvell, Delegate Junior Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mississippi,

Mrs. Chas. G. Wright, Delegate Confederate Cemetery Memorial Association, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Mrs. E. C. Carroll, Delegate Confederate Cemetery Memorial Association, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Missouri,

Mrs. Phil. Chew, Delegate Confederate Memorial and Literary Society of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. W. B. Kineally, Delegate Confederate Memorial and Literary Society of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Edward S. Lilly, Delegate Samuel S. Harris Memorial Association, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Tennessee,

Mrs. S. L. McCalla, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Miss Marguerite McCalla, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Knoxville Tennessee.

Mrs. J. Harvey, Delegate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. S. C. Toof, Delegate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. H. S. Bedford, Alternate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. W. A. Collier, Alternate Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

Virginia,

Mrs. Davis-Roy, Delegate Warren Memorial Association, Front Royal, Virginia.

Miss Bessie Peyton, Delegate Warren Memorial Association, Front Royal, Virginia.

Mrs. Edward Barbour, Delegate Manassas Memorial Association, Manassas, Virginia.

Mrs. Shelton Chieves, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Petersburg, Virginia.

Mrs. O. J. Hatton, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Mrs. Mary E. Moore, Delegate Ladies' Memorial Association, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Mrs. C. A. Brock, Delegate Confederate Memorial and Literary Society, Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. H. MARKS, *Chairman.*

MRS. S. L. McCALLA,

MRS. SHELTON CHIEVES,

Committee.

"By Mrs. Louis McCalla, of Knoxville, Tennessee: I move that the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, here assembled, in Convention, do ratify and indorse the following Resolution, as adopted by the United Confederate Veterans at their Convention in this City, of Louisville, Ky., June 15th, 1905: Resolution, 'Whereas thirty-one thou-

sand, one hundred and fifty-two Confederate Soldiers died in the Federal Prisons and Military Hospitals in the Northern States and were buried near their places of confinement;

" 'And Whereas there was adopted at the Memphis Reunion, 1901, a Resolution as follows: Resolved, that we respectfully request that Congress take appropriate action looking to the care and preservation of the graves of the Confederate Dead now in the various cemeteries in the Northern States,' which resulted in the introduction of a bill in the Congress of the United States, providing for the honorable care of said Confederate Dead Soldiers, which said bill passed the United States Senate January 27th, 1903, and was again passed by that body January 25th, 1904, and that we do object to the proposed amendments to this bill by the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives, as said amendments divest the bill of its essential features.

Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.

The President congratulated the Convention on its patriotic support of this resolution, and requested delegates and members of all Memorial Associations to communicate with their respective Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to urge them to promote the passage of the Foraker Bill without amendments.

At this time Mrs. Geo. Mann of Louisiana, was recognized by the Recording Secretary, who asked that her name be recorded as among those in attendance from the Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

By the President: "A resolution has been adopted that some time to-day, after eleven o'clock, we would discuss the Ways and Means of disposing of the 'History of the Confederated Memorial Associations of the South,' but the member who made the motion was not then aware that the Parade would take place at that hour, to-day, consequently we will have to ask her to name another hour in which we may meet to discuss this question."

By Miss Hodgson: "I will name four o'clock this afternoon, meeting to be at the Galt House."

By the President: "The chair calls for the report of the Committee on Resolutions."

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

"Whereas, the By-Laws of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association provide that the time and place of the Annual Meeting of this Association shall be the same as that of the Annual Meeting of the United Confederate Veterans; and,

"Whereas, The cordial invitation extended by the City of Louisville to the United Confederate Veterans to hold their Fifteenth Annual Reunion in this City, the Metropolis of the State of Kentucky, the 'Gateway to the South,' was duly accepted by them; be it therefore

"Resolved, That the hospitality for which Kentucky has ever been noted has been fully exemplified and sustained by the patriotic people of the City of Louisville, and this Association is very grateful for the many courtesies extended while engaged in its Convention work.

"That the thanks of the Association be, and are hereby extended to the Pastor and congregation of the Broadway Baptist Church, for the use of their church building, in which was held Memorial Services; to Rev. C. W. Hemphill, who so ably conducted the service; to the Rev. J. R. Dearing, of Lexington, for his invocation at the opening of the business session and subsequent address, and to Mr. Bartholomew, President of the Girls' High School, and the Trustees, for the use of the school building in which to hold the business sessions.

"That we highly appreciate and hereby extend our thanks to Gen. Bennet H. Young and Mr. W. T. Ellis for their addresses of welcome on behalf of the Kentucky Division of the United Confederate Veterans; to the Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt for his address on behalf of the United Confederate Reunion Committee, and to Mrs. A. N. Sea and Mrs. N. C. Gray, of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, for the welcome extended to the Association on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Louisville. We desire to express our very high appreciation of the many social courtesies extended to the delegates by the members of the Albert Sidney Johnston and the Confederate Home Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and assure them their efforts which have been so successful will ever be treasured in our memories with pleasure and delight.

"Be it further Resolved, That in concluding the exercises of its Sixth Annual Convention the Confederated Southern Memorial Association profoundly grateful to the good people of Louisville for the united and successful effort they have put forth to make our stay in their midst a time of pleasure and happiness, raises its voice in prayer and supplication to the God of Heaven, and asks that His blessings shall be with you continually."

(MRS.) E. P. DISMUKES, *Chairman*.
MRS. W. A. COLLIER,
MRS. H. H. MARKS.

The report was adopted.

By Mrs. J. C. Lee: "I move that the Confederated Southern Memorial Association provide such stationery as may be needed by the various Memorial Associations, and that the Associations be requested to purchase this stationery through the Confederation."

The motion was seconded.

By Mrs. Mary E. Moore: "I offer as an amendment to Mrs. Lee's motion 'that the different Associations be notified that we will have this stationery, and that we solicit their orders.'"

The amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended was adopted.

By the President: "Is it your wish to have this matter given to a Committee?"

By Mrs. Lee: "I think it is better to leave the entire matter to Mrs. Behan, and I make a motion to that effect."

Motion seconded and adopted.

By the President: "Thank you ladies for this mark of your confidence. Bids will be obtained from different firms and a report made at the next Convention."

Mrs. M. R. Barbour of the Ladies' Memorial Association, of Manassas, Va., is recognized by the President and reads the following appeal:

"Madame President and Ladies of the Confederated Memorial Association:—

"As the representation of the Manassas Memorial Association and the Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I appreciate your aid in erecting a monument to mark the spot where near the battle field of Manassas repose the remains of several hundred of the honored dead who sacrificed their lives on the altar of their devotion to their Southland and to duty. The Manassas Memorial Association and the local Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have already accomplished much in preserving the graves of the unknown who are buried there. The Memorial Association was organized in 1867, and gathered together the three or four hundred unknown dead who had been buried on the double battlefield of Manassas, of all the number, save those who have died since the war, the names of no more than twenty are known, among these heroic unknown are the sons of nearly every State of the South. It is therefore fitting that every one of those States, through their Camps, Chapters and Memorial Associations, should aid in preserving the memory of those who are buried there. The years of endeavor on the part of the women who have undertaken this work have not been in vain. The cemetery has been enclosed by an iron fence, shrubbery and trees have been planted, and the sacred grounds have been well kept. In addition to this the monument to which we ask you to contribute, has been commenced, in that a pedestal has been erected on which to raise the Memorial. The Memorial contemplated is a statue representing a private soldier. Our work has been one of love and pride. The cemetery is viewed from the Southern Railroad, and to the people of the North and the South who travel that great steel highway, we wish to show that we have not been forgetful of our glorious memories, nor neglectful of our heroic dead.

The battlefield of Manassas does not belong to Virginia alone, but baptized in the blood of the sons of all the South, made historic by the splendid victories of the Confederate States, it is the common heritage of every sovereign State that they achieved so gloriously in the cause of their sovereignty. The victories of Manassas and other hard fought fields, pluck the sting from the defeats of Gettysburg and Appomattox. Every lover of the South cherishes the memory of Manassas.

"Realizing that, every Memorial Association, Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy and Camp of Veterans, has its own particular hallowed place to guard, to beautify and preserve. I nevertheless feel that every camp and other organizations all over the South must partake a common interest in the sacred sepulchre of the dead who fell at Manassas. In order therefore to erect this fitting memorial that has been suggested, I do not hesitate to appeal to the entire South.

"The plans adopted will require about \$2,500.00. I want to ask each Camp and each Memorial Association, also individuals, to contribute what they can. I wish that every one of these that are represented here to-day will make some contribution."

By Mrs. Mann: "I move that this Confederation contribute Five Dollars to the fund for the Memorial to be erected to the Confederate Dead, in the Manassas Cemetery, at Manassas, Va."

Motion seconded by Mrs. Mary Moore.

By the President: Ladies, you have heard the motion, what is your pleasure?

By Mrs. Louis McCalla, of Knoxville, Tenn.: "I move that we take this home to our Associations, as we are not authorized, at least my Association did not authorize me to make contributions, and I would like to lay it before our Association and do the best we can for them.

By the President: The motion, as I understand it, is that the Confederation contribute Five Dollars from its Treasury, was that your idea Mrs. Mann?

By Mrs. Mann: "It was, Madam President."

This motion was then put and adopted, and the Treasurer instructed to send the check for amount named to Mrs. M. R. Barbour.

By Mrs. Barbour: "Ladies, I thank you very sincerely on the part of the Manassas Memorial Association."

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet informally at four P. M. in the Music Room of the Galt House, and that we adjourn formally to meet in New Orleans in 1906.

By the President: "Ladies, I thank you for your cordial support and active co-operation, and wish to say before we part, that it has been a great pleasure to be with you at this Convention, and to be able

to greet so many faithful women whom I have only known by correspondence. To one and all I feel indebted for the increased interest that has been taken in our work. To-day there are over sixty Memorial Associations enlisted under our banner; all these may well be styled 'ancient and honorable,' and as our Confederation becomes better known our work is more appreciated. The United Confederate Veterans have been invited to hold their Reunion in the City of New Orleans in 1906, and where the Veterans go, there will we, 'the Women of the Confederacy,' the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, find a royal welcome. Claiming the privilege of being a citizen of New Orleans, I bid you welcome to that dear old City, in 1906, and this Convention is now adjourned to meet there at the same time as the United Confederate Veterans."

Convention declared adjourned.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.

Since the last Convention the President of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association has appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Minutes.

MISS DAISY M. L. HODGSON, *Chairman.*
MRS. CHARLES ZAPATA,
MRS. GEO. A. WILLIAMS,

Credential Committee.

MRS. THEODORE MCGINNIS, *Chairman.*
MRS. F. D. TERREBONNE,
MRS. L. M. HORNER.

ASSOCIATIONS ENROLLED

IN THE

Confederated Southern Memorial Association.

Southern Memorial Ass'n.....Fayetteville, Ark.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Montgomery, Ala.
Wilcox Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Camden, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Gainesville, Ala.
Southern Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Florence, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Boligee, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Union Springs, Ala.
White House of the Confederacy Memorial
Association.....Montgomery, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Mobile, Ala.
Ladies' Confederate Memorial Ass'n.....Marion, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Pensacola, Fla.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Quincy, Fla.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Atlanta, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Augusta, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Columbus, Ga.
Marietta Memorial Ass'n.....Marietta, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Waynesboro, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Albany, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Athens, Ga.
Washington Memorial Ass'n.....Washington, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Resaca, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Brunswick, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n of Morgan Co.....Madison, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Rome, Ga.
Hancock Ladies' Memorial.....Sparta, Ga.
Sandersville Memorial Ass'n.....Sandersville, Ga.
Americus Memorial Ass'n.....Americus, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Thomson, Ga.
Eliza Easton Shannon Memorial Ass'n.....View, Ky.
Ladies' Confederate Memorial Ass'n.....New Orleans, La.

Junior Confederate Memorial Ass'n.....New Orleans, La.
 Jefferson Davis Monument Ass'n.....New Orleans, La.
 Southern Memorial Ass'n.....Baton Rouge, La.
 Confederate Cemetery Mem. Ass'n.....Vicksburg, Miss.
 Natchez Confederate Mem. Ass'n.....Natchez, Miss.
 Beauvoir Home Memorial Ass'n.....Greenwood, Miss.
 Jefferson Davis' Home Memorial Ass'n.....Biloxi, Miss.
 Confederate Memorial and Literary Society.....St. Louis, Mo.
 Sterling Price Memorial Ass'n.....Jefferson City, Mo.
 State Monument Memorial Ass'n.....Springfield, Mo.
 Blandford Memorial Ass'n.....Mexico, Mo.
 Samuel S. Harris' Mem. Ass'n.....Cape Girardeau, Mo.
 Nevada Confederate Memorial Ass'n.....Nevada, Mo.
 Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Raleigh, N. C.
 Beaufort County Memorial Ass'n.....Washington, N. C.
 Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Fort Mill, S. C.
 Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Charleston, S. C.
 Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Knoxville, Tenn.
 Ladies' Confederate Memorial Ass'n.....Memphis, Tenn.
 Southern Mothers.....Memphis, Tenn.
 Sul Ross Memorial Ass'n.....Waco, Tex.
 Confederate Mem. Literary Society.....Richmond, Va.
 Hollywood Memorial Ass'n.....Richmond, Va.
 Junior Hollywood Memorial Ass'n.....Richmond, Va.
 Oakwood Memorial Ass'n.....Richmond, Va.
 Warren Memorial Ass'n.....Fort-Royal, Va.
 Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Petersburg, Va.
 Manassas Memorial Ass'n.....Manassas, Va.
 Lynchburg Memorial Ass'n.....Lynchburg, Va.
 Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....Danville, Va.
 Memorial Aid Ass'n.....Portsmouth, Va.
 Junior Memorial Ass'n.....Portsmouth, Va.
 New Market Memorial Ass'n.....Lexington, Va.
 Stonewall Memorial Ass'n.....Winchester, Va.